5. increase the flow of short & long-term credits to enable the farmers to invest in inputs; and

6. Price support to the farmers for their produce through minimum support price and procurement operations.

(b) The production oriented programmes have been formulated in consultation with the States. and the mutually agreed programmes are being implemented through/by the respective States.

1833. [*Transferred to the 6th December, 1988.*]

Concessions to M/s. Bharat Hotels for constructing the Commercial Complex

1834. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report that appeared in 'the Nav Bharat Times' dated 2.10.1988 about the land given to M/s. Bharat Hotels for building a Hotel for the Asian Games;

(b) if so, whether the Hotel was permitted to build independent commercial blocks on the land and what is the total build-up area of the Hotel complex and how much area out of this is under office complexes;

(c) what was the annual licence fee on which the NDMC gave this site to Bharat Hotel and what is the increase in the licence fee subsequent to allowing construction of commercial complexes;

(d) whether the Hotel does not have to pay any ground rent or House tax; and if so, what are the factors which influenced the NDMC to make these concessions to the Hotel; and

(e) the names and addresses of the parties which enjoy the same concessions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) to (e) The matter is being examined and a Report will be laid on the Table of the House.

SC/ST Families in Rajasthan

1835. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of SC and ST families in Rajasthan;

(b) the total number of SC and ST families out of them brought about the poverty line after the implementation of the 20 point programme; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 1988-89?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) According to 1981 Census, the population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan was 58,38,879 and 41,83,124, respectively; On the basis of average size of 5 members per family, the estimated number of SC families and ST families would be 11,67,775 and 8,36,625, respectively.

(b) According to the reports from the Government of Rajasthan, the number of SC & ST families economically assisted during 6th Plan (1980-85) and first three years of 7th Plan i.e. 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 to enable them to cross the poverty line was 9,14,053 and 4,48,273, respectively. No survey has been conducted yet by the State Government to ascertain the number of the assisted families which have crossed the poverty line.

(c) During 1988-89, the target is to economically assist 1,25,000 Scheduled Caste families and 70,000 Scheduled Tribe families.

Atrocities on SC/ST in Rajasthan

1836. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the case of atrocities on SC/ST registered in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons convicted and out of these how many were acquitted; and

(c) the steps taken to check such incidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The total incidents of crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Rajasthan during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Crime Against	
	SC	ST
1985 . . .	1,437	379
1986 . . .	1,481	420
1987 . . .	1,465	406

(b) The information is being collected from the State Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued from time to time to all the State Governments/U.T. Administrations including Rajasthan suggesting precautionary, preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to check crimes on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Export of Potato Chips and Aerated Water Concentrate

1837. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the export obligation for exporting potato chips and aeraled water concentrate;

(b) whether a foreign collaboration with foreign equity has been given on low priority, low technology items which are available in the country;

(c) whether export of one item justify a collaboration in another, where the second item has no export and low technology; and

(d) whether it is a fact that an exporter of meat can ask for a collaboration to make chewing gum, if 50 per cent of total turnover of the whole project is exported, without any export of chewing gum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no prescribed export obligation for exporting potato chips and aerated water concentrate.

(b) to (d) The policy for allowing foreign collaboration or equity participation is announced by Government from time to time through Press Notes. However, such collaboration for low priority, low technology items may be considered by Government where the proposal is part of an overall package and where there is a strong export effort.

Import of Technology for Potato Chips and Aerated Waters

1838. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether import of technology is necessary for making Potato Chips and Aerated Waters, and whether these items have been identified for exports;

(b) if so, the estimated exports of each of the items in the next ten years; and

(c) what is the technology Pepsi Co is going to bring to India and whether this technology is not available in India at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Import of technology for making potato chips and aerated water will improve their quality and strengthen export efforts. It is the policy of the Government to encourage export of processed foods.

(b) The export of aerated water is negligible. The export of potato chips during the last three years have been as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	M.T.	
1985-86 . .	17	10.91
1986-87 . .	8.4	5.72
1987-88 . .	8.1	5.61